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WOMEN'S LEAGUE SPONSORS  
AID TO SERVICEMEN'S FAMILIES

The women of North Korea, who make up one half of the entire population, have been bending all possible efforts to help the families of Army and Security Corps personnel. For example, members of the Yonhwa-ri Women's League in the southern part of Pyongyang City pay weekly visits to the families of servicemen to inquire about the needs of the family. The Women's League not only aids the servicemen's families according to individual needs, but often sponsors get-together parties for them. Such activities are not limited to Pyongyang but are prevalent in towns throughout North Korea. The Women's League in farm districts contributes free farm labor to servicemen's families.

Services such as these by the Women's League are fine, but it appears that the league should be able to do even more than this. For example:

1. The League must shoulder the responsibility of educating women in the importance of helping the service family in every possible way to realize our ultimate objective of making this aid a nationwide movement. Such a movement will help inculcate unparalleled patriotism among the women.
2. We must make sure that this function remains one of the permanent functions of the league.
3. From time to time social parties should be given in honor of servicemen's families, and we must participate in all activities and enterprises that are beneficial to the families of servicemen.
4. By making frequent visits to servicemen's families, we must develop cordial friendship so that we may help build and maintain high morale among the families of servicemen. These measures, if carried out faithfully by every member of the Women's League, will help servicemen to stop worrying about their family affairs, and will keep them in good spirits to do their best in the service of the country.

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